

Stationary Action for Fundamental Solution of TPBVPs

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Action Functional

- ▶ We look at conservative dynamical systems.
- ▶ Simplest case: Point-mass in a field.
- ▶ Position component of the state at time, t , is denoted by $\xi(t) \in \mathbf{R}^n$.
- ▶ Potential energy will be induced by some field: $V : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$.
- ▶ Kinetic energy: $T(\dot{\xi}(t)) \doteq \frac{1}{2}\dot{\xi}^T(t)\mathcal{M}\dot{\xi}(t)$.
- ▶ If $\xi(t)$ is a point mass, \mathcal{M} is simply $m\mathcal{I}$, where m is the mass.
- ▶ The action functional:

$$\mathcal{F}(\xi(\cdot)) \doteq \int_0^t \frac{1}{2}\dot{\xi}^T(r)\mathcal{M}\dot{\xi}(r) - V(\xi(r)) dr.$$

- ▶ Hamilton hypothesized that conservative systems moved along paths that minimized the action functional.
- ▶ Feynman: “The average kinetic energy minus the average potential energy is minimized along the true path. Here for ‘average’, we can think of [...] the integral over time.” (orig. Hamilton)

Action Functional

- ▶ Feynman: “In fact, it doesn't really have to be a minimum... the fundamental principle was that for any *first-order variation* away from the optical path, the *change* in time was zero.”
- ▶ One seeks a **stationary** point of the action functional.
- ▶ This is the quantum viewpoint expanded to a larger domain. More later.
- ▶ Conservation of momentum and conservation of energy follow from stationarity of the action functional.
- ▶ The action functional (revised arguments):

$$\mathcal{F}(\xi(0), \dot{\xi}(\cdot)) \doteq \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} \dot{\xi}^T(r) \mathcal{M} \dot{\xi}(r) - V(\xi(r)) dr.$$

Action Functional

- ▶ Write dynamics as $\dot{\xi}_r = u_r$ for $r \in (0, t)$, with initial condition $\xi(0) = x$.
- ▶ The action functional:

$$\mathcal{F}(x, u(\cdot)) \doteq \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} u^T(r) \mathcal{M} u(r) - V(\xi(r)) dr.$$

- ▶ For short time durations, the stationary point is a minimum.
- ▶ Note second term has an integrator, which builds up over time, destroying convexity.
- ▶ If V sufficiently smooth, the Fréchet derivative with respect to $u \in L_2(0, t)$ has Riesz representation

$$[\mathcal{F}_u(x, u)](r) = \mathcal{M}u(r) - \int_r^t V_x(\xi(\rho)) d\rho \quad \text{a.e. } r \in (0, t).$$

(I.e., $F(x, u + \delta) - F(x, u) - \langle \mathcal{F}_u(x, u), \delta \rangle = o(\|\delta\|)$.)

- ▶ Second derivative representation: $[\mathcal{F}_{uu}(x, u)](r, \rho) = m - \int_{r \vee \rho}^t V_{xx}(\xi(\sigma)) d\sigma$ a.e.

Staticization

- ▶ Need to search for stationary (static) points of the action functional.
- ▶ Terminology: **Staticization**, **statica** (analogous to minimization, minima).
- ▶ For longer durations, **min** over u is replaced by **stat** over u .
- ▶ Let $\bar{y} \in \mathcal{G}_y$ where \mathcal{G}_y is an open subset of a Hilbert space. We say

$$\bar{y} \in \underset{y \in \mathcal{G}_y}{\text{argstat}} F(y) \quad \text{if} \quad \limsup_{y \rightarrow \bar{y}, y \in \mathcal{G}_y} \frac{|F(y) - F(\bar{y})|}{|y - \bar{y}|} = 0,$$

and

$$\overline{\text{stat}}_{y \in \mathcal{G}_y} F(y) \doteq \left\{ F(\bar{y}) \mid \bar{y} \in \underset{y \in \mathcal{G}_y}{\text{argstat}} \{F(y)\} \right\}$$

if $\underset{y \in \mathcal{G}_y}{\text{argstat}} \{F(y)\} \neq \emptyset$. If $\exists a$ s.t. $\overline{\text{stat}}_{y \in \mathcal{G}_y} F(y) = \{a\}$, then

$$\underset{y \in \mathcal{G}_y}{\text{stat}} F(y) \doteq a.$$

- ▶ If f Fréchet differentiable and \mathcal{G}_y is open,

$$\underset{y \in \mathcal{G}_y}{\text{argstat}} F(y) = \{y \in \mathcal{G}_y \mid F_y(y) = 0\}.$$

General Theory for Staticization

One can generate an entire theory for **stat** that is analogous to standard optimal control theory. We consider the action-functional case. General system:

$$\dot{\xi}_r = u_r, \quad \xi_0 = x \in \mathbf{R}^n$$

$$J(t, x, u, z) = \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} u_r^T \mathcal{M} u_r - V(\xi_r) dr + \psi(\xi_t, z),$$

$$W(t, x, z) \doteq \operatorname{stat}_{u \in \mathcal{U}} J(t, x, u, z),$$

Dynamic Programming Principle:

Suppose the stationary value, $W(t, x, z)$ exists for $0 \leq t \leq T < \infty$ and $x, z \in \mathbf{R}^n$, and that there are stationary trajectories Hölder in x with constant greater than $1/2$. Then, for $s \in (0, t)$,

$$W(t, x, z) = \operatorname{stat}_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \left\{ \int_0^s \frac{1}{2} u_r^T \mathcal{M} u_r - V(\xi_r) dr + W(t-s, \xi_s, z) \right\}.$$

General Theory for Staticization

HJ-Stat PDE Problem:

$$0 = \operatorname{stat}_{v \in \mathbf{R}^m} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} v^T \mathcal{M} v - V(x) - W_r(r, x, z) + W_x(r, x, z) \cdot f(x, v) \right\},$$

for $(r, x) \in (0, t) \times \mathbf{R}^n$, and by the convexity,

$$0 = \min_{v \in \mathbf{R}^m} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} v^T \mathcal{M} v - V(x) - W_r(r, x, z) + W_x(r, x, z) \cdot f(x, v) \right\},$$

$$W(0, x, z) = \psi(x, z), \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n.$$

A Stat Representation Theorem:

Suppose $(0, t) \setminus \mathcal{A}$ consists only of isolated points. Suppose that for $s \in \mathcal{A}$, the stationary-action value exists for all $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$, and that the above Hölder continuity in x holds there. Then, the stationary-action value function satisfies the HJ-Stat PDE on $\mathcal{A} \times \mathbf{R}^n$.

Fundamental Solutions to TPBVPs

- ▶ Shorthand: TPBVP = two-point boundary value problem.
- ▶ The action functional approach will allow us to obtain a fundamental solution for classes of TPBVPs (e.g., n -body and wave equation).
- ▶ The fundamental solution may be computed offline.
- ▶ By *fundamental solution* for a TPBVP here, we mean an object, that once computed, allows for solution of TPBVPs for a variety of boundary data *without* re-resolution/re-integration of the TPBVP problem.
- ▶ Given specific boundary conditions, staticization of the fundamental solution with an appropriate appended (terminal payoff) functional will generate the solution to the TPBVP of interest.

Action Functional Approach

- ▶ Formulate control problem. Dynamics:

$$\dot{\xi} = u, \quad \xi(0) = x, \quad u \in \mathcal{U} = L_2^{loc}$$

- ▶ Payoff/Value:

$$J^0(t, x, u) = \int_0^t -V(\xi(r)) + \frac{1}{2}u^T(r)\mathcal{M}u(r) dr,$$

$$W^0(t, x) \doteq \operatorname{stat}_{u \in \mathcal{U}} J^0(t, x, u).$$

- ▶ HJB PDE (*forward* HJB PDE):

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} W(r, x) + \operatorname{stat}_{v \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ v \cdot \nabla_x W(r, x) + \frac{1}{2}v^T \mathcal{M}v \right\} - V(x) \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} W(r, x) + \inf_{v \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ v \cdot \nabla_x W(r, x) + \frac{1}{2}v^T \mathcal{M}v \right\} - V(x) \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} W(r, x) - V(x) - \frac{1}{2}[\nabla_x W(r, x)]^T \mathcal{M}^{-1} \nabla_x W(r, x). \end{aligned}$$

Action Functional Approach to TPBVPs

- ▶ Use terminal cost to effect boundary condition at termination.
- ▶ Payoff (now with terminal cost):

$$\bar{J}(t, x, u) = \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} u^T(r) \mathcal{M} u(r) - V(\xi(r)) dr + \psi(\xi(t)).$$

- ▶ If $\psi(x) = -\bar{v}^T \mathcal{M} x$, we obtain boundary conditions (via either characteristic equations for HJB or Pontryagin):

$$\xi(0) = x, \quad p(t) = \nabla_x \psi(\xi(t)) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \xi(0) = x, \quad \dot{\xi}(t) = -\mathcal{M}^{-1} p(t) = \bar{v}.$$

- ▶ Solution of the control problem with this terminal cost yields solution of the desired TPBVP. $\dot{\xi}(0) = u(0)$ is required second initial condition.
- ▶ If $\psi(x) = \psi^\infty(x; z) = \delta_0^-(x - z)$ where

$$\delta_0^-(y) \doteq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y = 0 \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

we obtain boundary conditions:

$$\xi(0) = x, \quad \xi(t) = z.$$

Fundamental Solutions (easier short-duration case)

- ▶ Using terminal cost to effect boundary condition at termination - **short horizon case**.
- ▶ Payoff and Value:

$$J^\infty(t, x, u; z) = \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} u^T(r) \mathcal{M} u(r) - V(\xi(r)) dr + \psi^\infty(\xi(t), z)$$

$$W^\infty(t, x) = W^\infty(t, x, z) = \operatorname{stat}_{u \in \mathcal{U}} J^\infty(t, x, u; z) = \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} J^\infty(t, x, u; z).$$

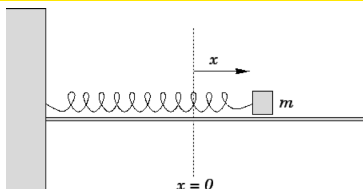
- ▶ If replace ψ^∞ with $\bar{\psi}(x) = -\bar{v}^T \mathcal{M} x$, obtain value,
 $\bar{W}(t, x) = \operatorname{stat}_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \bar{J}(t, x, u),$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{W}(t, x) &= \operatorname{stat}_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \left\{ \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} u^T(r) \mathcal{M} u(r) - V(\xi(r)) dr + \bar{\psi}(\xi(t)) \right\} \\ &= \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} u^T(r) \mathcal{M} u(r) - V(\xi(r)) dr + \psi^\infty(\xi(t), z) + \bar{\psi}(z) \right\} \\ &= \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ W^\infty(t, x; z) + \bar{\psi}(z) \right\} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n}^\oplus W^\infty(t, x; z) \otimes \bar{\psi}(z). \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Min-plus convolution of W^∞ with various terminal costs yields solution of TPBVPs. W^∞ is the **fundamental solution**.

Motivational Example

- Simple problem: Mass, m , and spring-constant, K .
Newton form: $\ddot{\xi} = -(K/m)\xi$.



- Two-point boundary value problem (TPBVP) from x to z in time $[s, t]$ with velocity/control $u \in \mathcal{U} \doteq \mathcal{L}_2^{loc}(0, \infty)$, is

$$J^\infty(t, x, u, z) = \int_0^t \frac{m}{2} u^2(r) - \frac{K}{2} \xi^2(r) dr + \psi^\infty(\xi(t), z),$$

$$\dot{\xi}(r) = u(r), \quad \xi(0) = x,$$

$$\psi^\infty(x, z) \doteq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = z, \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- ψ^∞ forces solution to hit terminal state $\xi(t) = z$.
- One seeks $W^\infty(t, x; z) = \text{stat}_{u \in \mathcal{U}} J^\infty(t, x, u, z)$.

Motivational Example

- ▶ The associated HJ PDE problem is

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= -\operatorname{stat}_{v \in \mathbf{R}} \left[\frac{m}{2} v^2 - \frac{K}{2} x^2 + W_s(s, x) + v W_x(s, x) \right] \\ &= -\min_{v \in \mathbf{R}} \left[\frac{m}{2} v^2 - \frac{K}{2} x^2 + W_s(s, x) + v W_x(s, x) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} [W_x(s, x)]^2 + \frac{K}{2} x^2 - W_s(s, x) \quad s \in (0, t), x \in \mathbf{R} \\ W(t, x) &= \psi^\infty(x, z) \quad x \in \mathbf{R}.\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Note the min even though problem is stat.
- ▶ Suggests optimal control $u^*(r) = \hat{u}^*(r, x) \doteq (-1/m)W_x(r, \xi^*(r))$.
- ▶ Try $W(t, x, z) = \frac{1}{2} [P(t)x^2 + 2Q(t)xz + R(t)z^2]$.
- ▶ Then the solution is given by

$$P(t) = R(t) = \cot(t), \quad Q(t) = -1/\sin(t).$$

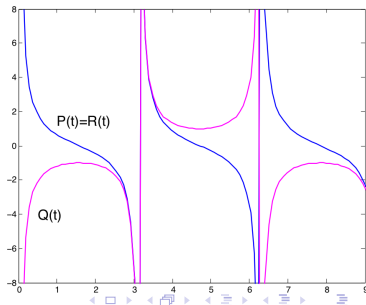
Motivational Example: Mass-Spring

- ▶ One finds velocity/control, u^* , and trajectory, ξ^* , given by (modulo sign errors)

$$u^*(r) = -[P(t-r)\xi^*(r) + Q(t-r)z] = \frac{-\cos(t-r)}{\sin(t-r)}\xi^*(r) + \frac{1}{\sin(t-r)}z,$$

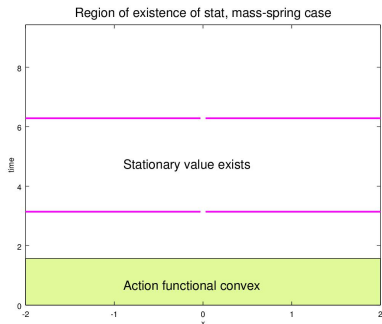
$$\xi^*(r) = x \cos(r) + \frac{z - x \cos(t)}{\sin(t)} \sin(r).$$

- ▶ Note that one loses convexity of J^∞ in u , and one must seek a staticum rather than a minimum.
- ▶ Asymptotes correspond to times when the quadratic in $u(\cdot)$ becomes purely linear in one direction.
- ▶ **stat propagates past asymptotes.**
- ▶ At $t = \pi$, either no solution or infinite number of solutions, depending on x, z .



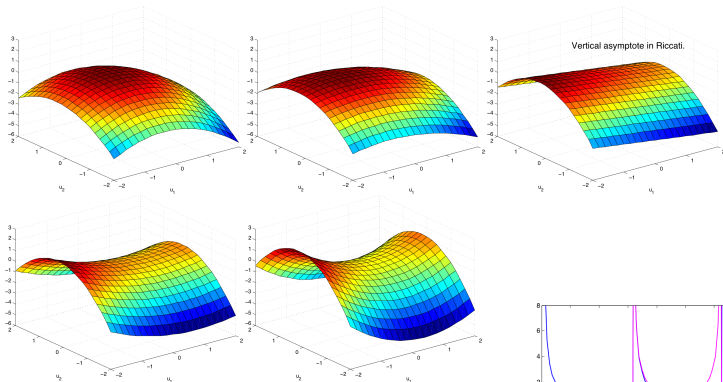
Mass-Spring Example

- ▶ Only have convexity of action for a short period.
- ▶ Stationary value exists except at isolated points.
- ▶ *stat* propagates past asymptotes/times where domain contracts.
- ▶ Time axis is vertical in this plot.



Mass-Spring Example

$$W^\infty(t, x; z) = \operatorname{stat}_{u \in \mathcal{U}_{0,t}} J(t, x, u, z) = [x^T P_t^\infty x + 2z^T Q_t^\infty x + z^T R_t^\infty z] \quad (\text{when finite})$$



- ▶ Asymptotes correspond to times when the quadratic in $u(\cdot)$ becomes purely linear in one direction.
- ▶ Need to propagate stat past asymptotes.

Propagation Through Asymptotes

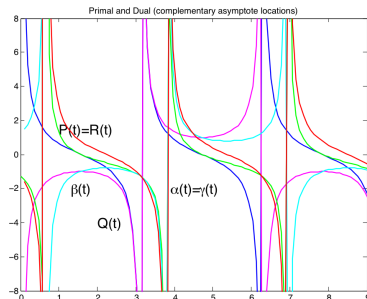
- ▶ Propagation through stat duality:

- ▶ Dual satisfies:

$$\dot{\alpha}_t = -\alpha_t [D^{-1} + C^{-1}BC^{-1}]\alpha_t,$$

$$\dot{\beta}_t = -\alpha_t [D^{-1} + C^{-1}BC^{-1}]\beta_t + BC^{-1}\beta_t,$$

$$\dot{\gamma}_t = -\beta_t^T [D^{-1} + C^{-1}BC^{-1}]\beta_t.$$



- ▶ Locations of asymptotes may be different between primal and dual.

- ▶ Propagation recipe:

1. Propagate primal [dual] Riccati until approaching asymptote.
2. Switch to dual [primal] Riccati until approaching dual [primal] asymptote, and return to step 1.

- ▶ (Symplectic methods provide alternative, of course.)

The n -body Problem (Fundamental Solutions)

- ▶ Recall classic gravitational potential for two bodies at x^i and x^j with masses m_i and m_j :

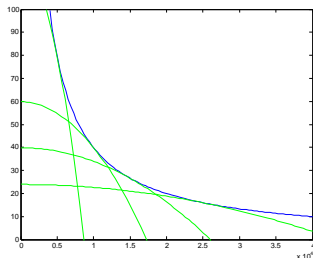
$$-V(x^i, x^j) = \frac{Gm_i m_j}{|x^i - x^j|}.$$

- ▶ Inverse norm is difficult.
- ▶ Additive inverse of potential as optimized quadratic (with $\hat{G} \doteq (3/2)^{3/2} G$).

$$\frac{\hat{G}m_i m_j}{|x^i - x^j|} = \hat{G} \sup_{\alpha^{i,j} \in [0, \infty)} \left\{ m_i m_j \alpha^{i,j} \left[1 - \frac{(\alpha^{i,j} |x^i - x^j|)^2}{2} \right] \right\}.$$

- ▶ Total potential (for many bodies):

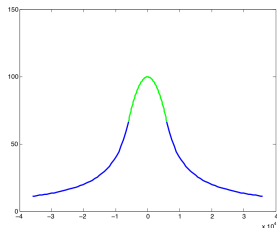
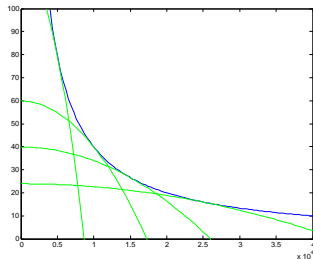
$$-V(x) = \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{I}} \hat{G} \sup_{\alpha^{i,j} \in [0, \infty)} \left\{ m_i m_j \alpha^{i,j} \left[1 - \frac{(\alpha^{i,j} |x^i - x^j|)^2}{2} \right] \right\}.$$



The n -body Problem

- ▶ Physical bodies have positive radius.
- ▶ This implies there exists maximum possible relevant α .
- ▶ One can also obtain an a priori bound on maximal separation of bodies, yielding minimum possible relevant α .
- ▶ Total potential:

$$-V(x) = \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{I}} \hat{G} \sup_{\alpha^{i,j} \in (\epsilon_\alpha, \sqrt{2/3\delta} - 1)} \left\{ m_i m_j \alpha^{i,j} \left[1 - \frac{(\alpha^{i,j} |x^i - x^j|)^2}{2} \right] \right\}.$$



(Actually also valid for uniform density spherical body - inside and outside the object.)

The n -body Problem

- ▶ Total potential:

$$\begin{aligned} -V(x) &= \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{I}} \widehat{G} \sup_{\alpha^{i,j} \in (\varepsilon_\alpha, \sqrt{2/3\delta}^{-1})} \left\{ m_i m_j \alpha^{i,j} \left[1 - \frac{(\alpha^{i,j} |x^i - x^j|)^2}{2} \right] \right\} \\ &= \sup_{\alpha \in (\varepsilon_\alpha, \sqrt{2/3\delta}^{-1})^{\#\mathcal{I}}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} x^T \beta(\alpha) x + \lambda(\alpha) \right\} \quad (\text{concave in } \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Dynamics: $\dot{\xi} = u$, $\xi(0) = x$, $u \in \mathcal{U} = L^{loc}$.

- ▶ Action functional:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{J}^\infty(t, x, u; z) &= \int_0^t \frac{m}{2} |u(r)|^2 + \sup_{\alpha \in (\varepsilon_\alpha, \sqrt{2/3\delta}^{-1})^{\#\mathcal{I}}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \xi^T(r) \beta(\alpha) \xi(r) + \lambda(\alpha) \right\} dr \\ &\quad + \psi^\infty(\xi(t), z) \\ &= \sup_{\alpha(\cdot) \in \mathcal{A}} \left\{ \int_0^t \frac{m}{2} |u(r)|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \xi^T(r) \beta(\alpha(r)) \xi(r) + \lambda(\alpha(r)) dr \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \psi^\infty(\xi(t), z) \right\} \quad (\text{concave in } \alpha(\cdot)) \end{aligned}$$

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- ▶ Value function (short horizon case):

$$\bar{W}^\infty(t, x; z) = \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \left\{ \int_0^t \frac{m}{2} |u(r)|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \xi^T(r) \beta(\alpha(r)) \xi(r) + \lambda(\alpha(r)) dr + \psi^\infty(\xi(t), z) \right\},$$

and letting α^* be the optimal α ,

$$= \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} J^\infty(t, x, u, \alpha^*; z) \doteq \mathcal{W}^{\alpha^*, \infty}(t, x; z).$$

- ▶ If $t \leq \bar{t} = \bar{t}(\bar{\delta})$, then $J^\infty(t, x, \cdot, \alpha^*; z)$ is convex (i.e., in u).

The n -body Problem

- ▶ If $t \leq \bar{t} = \bar{t}(\bar{\delta})$, then $J^\infty(t, x, u, \alpha^*; z)$ is convex in u .
- ▶ $J^\infty(t, x, u, \alpha; z)$ is concave in α .
- ▶ Using above, one finds value function satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{W}^\infty(t, x; z) &= \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \left\{ \int_0^t \frac{m}{2} |u(r)|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \xi^T(r) \beta(\alpha(r)) \xi(r) + \lambda(\alpha(r)) dr \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \psi^\infty(\xi(t), z) \right\} \\ &= \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} J^\infty(t, x, u, \alpha; z) \\ &= \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} J^\infty(t, x, u, \alpha; z) \quad (\text{surprising, work required}) \\ &= \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \mathcal{W}^{\alpha, \infty}(t, x; z).\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ For each $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$, $\mathcal{W}^{\alpha, \infty}(t, x; z)$ is solution of an LQ control problem.

The n -body Fundamental Solution as a Set

- ▶ We have

$$\mathcal{W}^{\alpha, \infty}(t, x; z) = \frac{1}{2} [x^T P_t^\infty(\alpha)x + 2z^T Q_t^\infty(\alpha)x + z^T R_t^\infty(\alpha)z + r_t^\infty(\alpha)]$$

where $P_t^\infty, Q_t^\infty, R_t^\infty$ are solutions of Riccati equations and r_t^∞ is a simple integral.

- ▶ Keep in mind $\alpha = \alpha(\cdot)$.
- ▶ Value is $\overline{W}^\infty(t, x; z) = \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \mathcal{W}^{\alpha, \infty}(t, x; z)$

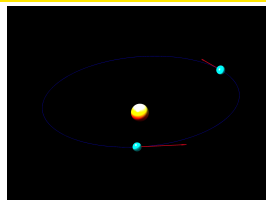
The n -body Problem Fundamental Solution as a Set

- ▶ The sets

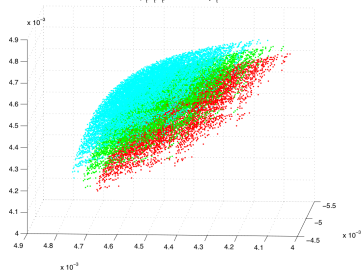
$$\{P_t^\infty(\alpha), Q_t^\infty(\alpha), R_t^\infty(\alpha), r_t^\infty(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

represent the fundamental solution of n -body TPBVPs.

- ▶ Each quadruple obtained by Riccati's.
- ▶ Sets are indexed by the body masses and the length of the time interval.
- ▶ A two-body fundamental solution is depicted in figure.



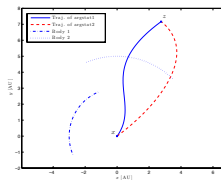
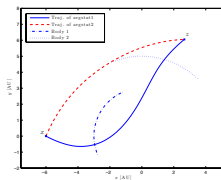
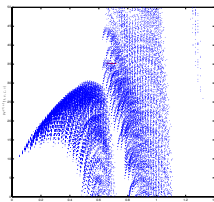
Sets of (P, Q, R) color coded by r_t value.



- ▶ TPBVPs are converted to initial value problems via a max-plus convolution of the fundamental solution with the appropriate terminal cost (as in previous example).

Orbital Mechanics Application

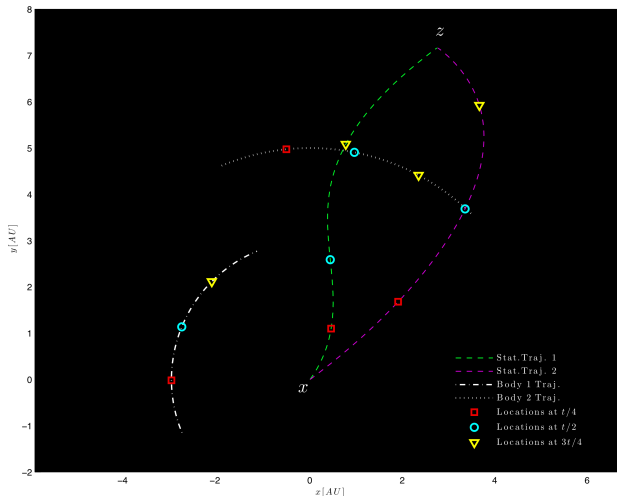
- ▶ Special case of a small body moving among large bodies in known orbits.
- ▶ One constructs fundamental solution as a finite-dimensional set (similar to set in n -body case).
- ▶ The same fundamental solution set may be applied to different TPBVPs, with different x, z points.
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- ▶ First plot is projection of fundamental solution; second and third display multiple solutions of the TPBVPs.

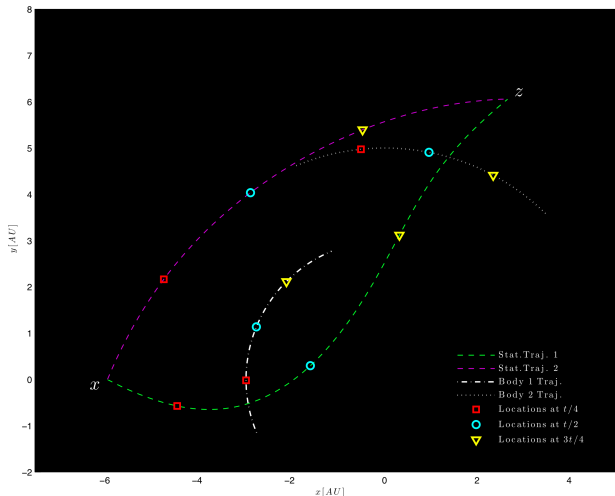
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